



# Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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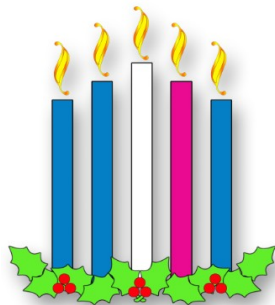
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## 14th and 15th December: Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

*This Sunday's readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a, Philippians 4:4-7 Gospel: Luke 3:10-18  
Psalm from Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6*

### ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 14th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**  
Fr Pauls 20th Anniversary of his Ordination  
Sun 15th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#)).**  
Peter and Mary Thomson and family  
Mon 16th **11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**  
Tues 17th **9:30am – 10:30am: Adoration and Morning Prayer**  
**6pm Rosary before Mass**  
**6:30pm Mass**  
In thanksgiving  
Wed 18th **9:30am – 10am Adoration**  
**10am Mass**  
John Monen RIP Anniversary Mass  
**6:30pm – 7:30pm Adoration**

**PRIVATE PRAYER in the chapel: Mon – Fri 9.30am – 4pm**

### HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE (Including Mass Intentions)

13 – 15 Kilmington Way, BH23 5BL 01425 274838  
Sun 15th **11am Mass**  
Bridget O'Brien RIP  
Mon 16th **10am – 2pm Adoration**  
Thurs 19th **10am Mass and confession**  
Fri 20th **10am Mass**  
**People of the Parish**

**PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am – 2pm**

### PARISH OFFICE - 01202 483340

The office is usually open Wednesday to Friday, between 8:30am and 4:30pm.  
If you need to speak with someone urgently,  
please leave a message as all voicemails are picked up when the office is closed.



### REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Padraic Burke, Roger Perkins, Eileen Curtis, Paul Davies, Francis Solomon, Paul Morrissey and Patricia Shackleton and any other anniversaries that occur at this time. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.



### CAROLS BY THE CRIB

**Sunday 22nd December at 3:30pm**

A little different this year but instead of 'Carols in the Car Park', we are looking to celebrate Christmas with some carol singing around the crib in church.

Whatever you feel about your singing voice, please do come along, you really would be most welcome.

Coffee and mince pies in the hall afterwards



### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Tues 24th Dec 4pm: Family Vigil Mass;**  
**6pm: We join with our brothers and sisters at Holy Redeemer for carols, followed by Mass at 6:30pm.**

**Mon 25th Dec 9am Mass – The Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**  
**Tues 26th Dec 10am – The Feast of St Stephen.**  
We are invited to Holy Redeemer to celebrate this very special Mass together.



### THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR FATHER PAUL

The Christmas collection is traditionally an opportunity for parishioners to acknowledge the dedication, service and witness of our Parish Priest.



In addition to the usual ways of giving to this collection, donations can be made via an online giving page.

**St Joseph's has a dedicated page on the fundraising platform, Give as You Live.**

**To access this dedicated Christmas collection page, please [CLICK HERE](#).**



There will be tea & coffee after 9am Mass, in the Parish Centre to which you are all welcome.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please pray for all our parishioners who are unwell or troubled in any way, and especially at this time for:

**Kevin Curtis, Anne Crane, Helena Shrubbs, Anne Wood, Dave Wood, Joan Miller, Andrew Allen, Jillie Ryan, John Kennedy, Peter Mattimoe, Marie Macmillan, Baby Edward, Stan Murphy, Steven, Slawek Gawlik and family, Pat Feltham, Catherine Judge, Richard, Suzanne, John Michael Ryan, Anna and Raymondo Hubbard, Howard Wood, Carol Sneed, Maria Golding-Cooney, Roger Mallory, Annie Baldry, Helen Pollard, John Packer, Danny McQuillan, Anne-Marie Fletcher, Madeleine Rose Halston, David Todd, Pauline Robins, Fr John Chadwick, and Pope Francis.**

If you have any personal prayer intentions that you would like included in our Bidding Prayers and/or newsletter, or if you would like a Mass said for a particular intention, please contact the Office with details.

### BIG CHRISTMAS CLEAN

As we approach Christmas, a huge thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who regularly ensure that our church is clean and tidy.

**On Tuesday 17th Dec at 2pm, if you can spare any time at all, please come along to help as we get ready for Christmas.**

**Definitely a case of the more the merrier!**



### A CANDLE LIT ADVENT TAIZE MEDITATION SERVICE

will take place this year at **Our Lady Queen of Peace, Douglas Rd, BH6 3ER** on **Tuesday 17th Dec at 7:30pm.**



### A GOOD TIME TO REMIND PEOPLE.... CAR PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES ONLY

We are very fortunate that some of our neighbours kindly allow us to use their car parks with certain restrictions.

The following is the situation over Christmas.

**At Priory Vets** (next door):

we may park **at the front of the surgery**, using the 8 spaces,

but **NOT down the side or around the back on Christmas and New Years day only.**

**We have been advised that people in the past have parked at the back and down the side.**

**Please be aware that should this happen again, the facility of using their space may be withdrawn.**

**At Harbour House** (opposite the Vets):

**PLEASE NOTE THIS HAS CHANGED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.**

We can **NO LONGER** park at the front of the building.

For Masses over the weekend

we can now park in the back car park **ONLY.**

We **CANNOT** park on site at any other times.

There is a gate to get into the car park so please open and then close on leaving.

**THANK YOU FOR RESPECTING THESE CONDITIONS.**

**Please help us maintain good relationships with our neighbours.**



### CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK+

Thank you so much for your continued support. What a week with lots of reverse advent boxes being dropped off.

Thank you, what a blessing these will be to the families referred to us this Christmas. We're also looking to build up our stock ready for the school holiday top up bags.

We are in need of tinned fruit, custard, pasta sauce jars, UHT milk cartons and tinned meat meals/pies.

**CHRISTCHURCH FOOD BANK+** We are also planning our turkey, Christmas dinner trays and goodie hamper deliveries

**On Monday 23rd of December.**

**Please let us know if you would like to help with delivery. Call 07587371088.**

Thank you for helping us to help those in our community who are struggling, in crisis or isolated.

Love, hope and blessings in advance.

### OFFICE AND CHAPEL HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

The office will close on

**Fri 20th Dec at 4pm and reopen on Fri 3rd Jan at 9am.**

If you need anything urgently, please leave a voicemail as messages will be picked up during this time.

If your enquiry is less urgent, please email me at [office@icsj.org.uk](mailto:office@icsj.org.uk) and I will reply on my return.



**The chapel will also be closed during this same period of time**

so we can give our hard working volunteers time with their family and friends.

Thank you for all you do throughout the year.

### BECKY'S COMMUNITY CAFE CHRISTMAS OPENING

Becky's Cafe will be open on

**Thurs 19th Dec as normal**

**but is then closed until**

**Thurs 9th January 2025.**



This break means that the wonderful leaders and volunteers can spend time with their families.

Thank you to everyone who supports in any way, the fabulous project that is Becky's Cafe.

### NEWSLETTER OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Next weeks newsletter will be the last newsletter before Christmas.

The next edition will cover the week beginning

**Mon 6th Jan 2025 – The Baptism of the Lord.**

If you want anything to be advertised before Christmas, please could you get it to the office

before Wednesday 18th December at midday.

Thanks for your understanding regarding this.



Should you wish to make any donation to St Joseph's, or set up a direct debit or standing order regular payment, please use the information below.

**Account number 00876292**

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**CDP St Joseph's Christchurch**

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**Thank you for your continued and ongoing generosity.**